



City of Rowlett

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Wednesday, December 30, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Sheffield, Councilmember Pankratz and Councilmember van Bloemendaal

1. Call to Order

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. Consider a proclamation or order declaring and continuing the Mayor's declaration of a local state of disaster and declaration of state of emergency.

Motion made by Councilmember Pankratz, with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Gallops to continue the declaration of a local state of disaster and state of emergency. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present.

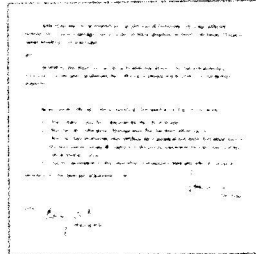
3. Update of damage assessment.

This item was discussed first.

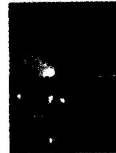
Brian Funderburk, City Manager, provided an update regarding the tornado and subsequent events.

Rowlett Tornado Update

- On December 26th, around 7:00pm CST, Rowlett, Texas was hit by an EF4 Tornado.
- 1,145 homes and businesses were impacted.
- 23 individuals were injured with no fatalities.
- Approximately 8,000 homes and businesses lost power, over 6,000 of which were in Rowlett.
- In response to the devastation, Mayor Todd Gottel issued a Disaster Declaration on December 26th.



Damaged Properties



Residential – 1,110 Impacted

- 206 Affected
- 434 Minor (damaged but habitable)
- 311 Major (structurally unsound)
- 159 homes have been totally destroyed.

The economic value lost from this disaster will be in the tens of millions.

Commercial – 35 Impacted

- 19 Affected
- 5 Minor (damaged but habitable)
- 8 Major (structurally unsound)
- 3 business have totally been destroyed.

Mr. Funderburk commented further that the outpouring of support from neighboring cities, community agencies, volunteers, donors, and neighbors helping neighbors has been phenomenal. He explained the various ways in which recovery and resource information is being transmitted to our residents – the City's website, social media, and flyers being distributed throughout the affected areas.

He discussed operational strategies relating to recovery and community outreach – towed cars beings stored at Herfurth Park, debris removal from streets and rights-of-way, establishment of the Joint Resource Management Center at the Granger Recreation Center in Garland with DART providing shuttle buses to transport individuals there from Herfurth Elementary.

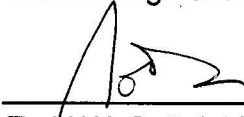
Mr. Funderburk then discussed trash collection and that streets seriously affected by the storm will not be picked up until safe passage down the roads becomes available. There will be accommodations made for residents on a case-by-case basis. He further stated that discussions are being held to determine how and on what time line the massive amounts of storm debris will be recovered. There are specific guidelines to be followed in this collection process to ensure our ability to be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Some preliminary estimates for overall storm debris

collection will run into the millions. Caution must be utilized in making decisions moving forward so that possible FEMA assistance would not be jeopardized.

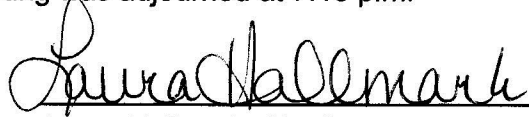
Mayor Gottel thanked staff, all those working the EOC, volunteers and first responders for the phenomenal job they have done from the onset of this event.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: January 19, 2016

